Taluk Committees.

132. ✻ MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that taluk committees in several taluks are not being summoned for a long time; and

(*b*) whether they have given any directions to the taluk authorities that there is no more use for taluk committees and that they need not be convened?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

Textile licenses.

433 ✻ MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI (*Karungapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state the principle observed by them in the choice of C class textile licensees from among the applicants?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: There is no licensee as 'C' class licensees.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know then by what name they are called, any classification?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: There is no classification. The wholesale importers and the wholesale dealers are the class of people who deal with that.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know the number of retail licenses issued?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: About 600 retail Licensees are given quota each time.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know the number of licenses issued in 1118, 1119 and 1120 respectively?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I claim notice Sir.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Is the number of retail dealers for the whole of Travancore only 600?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: There are nearly 8000 retail licencees but about 600 licencees get quota each time.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know whether anybody who has applied in 1120 has not been given a license?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: That question does not arise.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the licenses were granted according to taluk-war committee basis?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR It is also taken into consideration.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: What is the proportion of renewed licenses to due licenses?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I claim notice.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: How many licenses were sanctioned to Kunnattur?

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MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: The information can be supplied only by reference. I claim notice.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): May I know whether it has not been stated in the floor of the House that the retail licencees number came to 8000?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Yes. That may approximately be the correct number.

Yarn distribution in Karunagapalli.

434. *MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that yarn distribution in Karunagapalli taluk by the Tahsildar causes very great hardship to the weavers?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know from the honourable member whether the answer gives the information in relation to the time of the question or the answer is with reference to the position obtaining now?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I have not understood your question. You my please repeat.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know whether the answer is in relation to the time when the question was put, or only the present moment?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Even at present.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know whether there was a committee constituted under the auspices of the Weavers' Association and the minutes sent to the Government?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: The Government are not aware.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know whether there is a Taluk Committee now?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: There are Taluk committees in all the taluks.

Standard cloth.

435. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the total quantity of standard cloth (in yards) supplied to Travancore during the year 1943-44 and during the period January to June 1945?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR:

1. Quantity of standard cloth supplied during the year 1943-44—73,38,528 yards.
2. Quantity of standard cloth supplied during January to June 1945—2,45,988 yards.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know whether the quantity mentioned in part (2) is still with the Government or has it been sold out?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: It is not with the Government.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Then, with whom? Is it with the private merchants or with the Textile Commissioner?

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